Start Networking Today!

**Freshman Year**
- Get to know your professors, advisor, classmates, and B2E mentor.
- Participate in as many organizations and activities as your academic schedule will permit you to handle.
- Consider joining a fraternity or sorority.
- If currently employed, establish relationships with your boss and coworkers.
- Visit Norman Career Services.

**Sophomore Year**
- Participate in several career interviews to bring your career into focus.
- Attend informational sessions to obtain as much knowledge as possible about potential careers and employers.
- Forge ties with professors, classmates, and coworkers.
- Research internships in your career field(s).
- Obtain student membership to professional organizations.
- Visit Norman Career Services.

**Junior Year**
**Very Important Year!**
- Brainstorm a large list of potential networking contacts.
- Have network contacts in your field critique your resume.
- Make a list of companies you would like to work for and link these to your network contacts.
- Sign up with one or more career networking sites, for example: LinkedIn.
- Check for a database of alumni in your field to add to your network list.
- Schedule several informational interviews in your field.
- Create a business card with your contact information on it.
- Begin to introduce yourself to every guest speaker you encounter.
- Become increasingly active in professional organizations.
- Intern within your field of study.
- Visit Norman Career Services.

**Senior Year**
- Decide where you want to live after graduation.
- Narrow your list of dream employers based on geography.
- Strategize ways to contact key people in your dream companies.
- Join professional organizations in your targeted geographical area.
- Meet with your advisor early for an in-depth discussion of your career goals.
- Continue to maintain contact with professors, students, employers, guest speakers, and others you have met through networking efforts.
- Find out if your department offers a professional mentor program and request to be matched with a mentor in your field.
- Fine tune your network contact list and set a goal to contact a certain number each week or month.
- Continue informational interviewing.
- Begin to contact people with whom you interviewed earlier in your academic career and inform them you are approaching graduation and remain very interested in their organization.
- Enjoy your graduation ceremony because you should graduate with a job in hand.
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